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TAGS: ELTN, CA

SUBJ: PROPOSED ADDITIONAL ST. CLAIR RIVER  
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

REF: OTTAWA 0127

1. WE NOTIFIED MCCARTHY (MICHIGAN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS) TEN DAYS AGO THAT DATES HE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED COULD NOT BE MET BY GOC WHICH SUGGESTED EARLY MARCH. HE CALLED FEB 12 TO PROPOSE MARCH 11, SUGGESTED AGENDA HEADINGS AND GAVE HIS PROPOSED DELEGATION. WE HAVE PASSED THIS TO EXTAFF WHICH HAS CONFIRMED DATE. MCCARTHY ADVISED.

2. PROPOSED AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

- A. NEED FOR ADDITIONAL BRIDGE AND TIME FRAME;
- B. GENERAL FINANCING; GENERAL REVENUES VERSUS BONDS?
- C. FINANCING OF PRELIMINARY PLANNING AND DESIGN.

3. DELEGATION COMING FROM LANSING IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

JOHN P. WOODFORD, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION  
FOR MICHIGAN;

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GERLAD I. MCCARTHY, DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS;

L. J. CARUSO, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL;

DAVID MERCHANT, DIVISION ENGINEER, FEDERAL HIGHWAY  
ADMINISTRATION.

4. IN ADDITION, MCCARTHY EXPECTS ONE OFFICIAL FROM  
FHWA WASHINGTON TO JOIN GROUP. HE EXPECTS DISCUSSIONS  
TO REQUIRE ABOUT THREE HOURS. LANSING GROUP EXPECTS  
ARRIVE OTTAWA NIGHT BEFORE IN OFFICIAL MICHIGAN AIRCRAFT.  
WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR ABOVE FOUR AT LORD ELGIN  
HOTEL. DEPT SHOULD ADVISE NAME OF WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE  
AND WHETHER ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED AT ELGIN OR  
ELSEWHERE. GROUP WILL MEET AT EMBASSY 0900 MARCH 11  
AND PROCEED TO GOC VENUE.

5. ATTENTION IS ALSO CALLED TO QUESTION POSED LAST  
PARA REFTTEL REGARDING NATURE OF PIECE OF PAPER WHICH  
MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE NEGOTIATED RE THIS NEW BRIDGE.  
USG VIEWS ON THIS POINT SHOULD BE PASSED TO EXTAFF  
(WHICH IS ALSO LOOKING AT QUESTION) AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN DETERMINE WHETHER THIS FORM  
AGREEABLE. JOHNSON

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